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I. Calendar of conferences and meetings

A. Requests for exceptions to section I, paragraph 7, of General Assembly resolution 40/243

1. At its 518th meeting, on 4 September 2012, the Committee on Conferences considered the sections of the report of the Secretary-General on the pattern of conferences (see A/67/127, sect. I.A.1, and supplementary information,[1] sect. I) containing requests for exceptions to section I, paragraph 7, of General Assembly resolution 40/243, by which the Assembly decided that no subsidiary organ of the Assembly might meet at United Nations Headquarters during a regular session of the Assembly unless explicitly authorized by the Assembly.

Conclusions and recommendations

2. **The Committee on Conferences recommended that the General Assembly should explicitly authorize the following bodies to meet in New York during the main part of its sixty-seventh session, on the understanding that all such meetings would be allocated conference services on an "as available" basis, in such a way that the work of the Assembly and its Main Committees would not be impeded:**

(a) **United Nations Board of Auditors;**

(b) **Committee on Relations with the Host Country;**

(c) **Independent Audit Advisory Committee;**

(d) **Committee on the Exercise of the Inalienable Rights of the Palestinian People;**

[1] See http://dgacm.org/CoC/Report_of_the_SG_on_the_pattern_of_conferences_(A-67-127)_Supplementary_information.pdf.

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(e) **Disarmament Commission;**

(f) **Executive Board of the United Nations Entity for Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women;**

(g) **Working Group on the Financing of the United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East;**

(h) **United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination;**

(i) **States parties to the Convention on the Rights of the Child.**

B. Adoption of the draft revised calendar of conferences and meetings for 2013 and related matters

Introduction and overview

3. At its 521st meeting, on 7 September 2012, the Committee reviewed the draft revised calendar of conferences and meetings for 2013 (A/AC.172/2012/L.2).

Discussion

4. Clarification was requested as to the discrepancy between the dates of the resumed session of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations contained in its decision on its meeting dates for 2013 and those of the resumed session of the Committee, as reflected in the revised draft calendar of conferences and meetings for 2013.

5. A representative of the Secretariat said that the dates of the resumed session of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations had been included in the revised draft calendar after confirmation by the secretariat and the Bureau of the Committee. Clarification would be sought from the secretariat of the Committee regarding the discrepancy.

C. Intersessional departures for 2012 and related matters

6. The General Assembly, in its resolution 66/233, approved the draft biennial calendar of conferences and meetings of the United Nations for 2012 and 2013, as submitted by the Committee on Conferences, and authorized the Committee to make any adjustments that might become necessary as a result of actions and decisions taken by the Assembly at its sixty-sixth session. The calendar was issued as document A/AC.172/2012/2.

7. At its 373rd meeting, on 26 August 1994, the Committee decided that, in future, requests for intersessional departures submitted to the Committee should be reviewed by the Bureau, in consultation with the Secretariat, for subsequent action.

8. At its 379th meeting, on 23 March 1995, the Committee agreed that proposed changes to the calendar that did not have programme budget implications could be dealt with by the Secretariat, in consultation with the Bureau of the Committee.

9. At its substantive session of 1995, the Committee decided that requests for intersessional departures submitted to the Committee that involved a change of venue should be referred to the members for approval. Departures that involved

other types of changes, as decided upon by the Committee at its substantive session of 1994, should be reviewed by the Bureau, in consultation with the Secretariat, for subsequent action.

10. The Committee on Conferences approved one request received in 2012 from the Commission on the Status of Women to hold an additional meeting at the conclusion of its session. The Committee noted the request of the Fifth Committee for an additional meeting to conclude its work at its second resumed session.